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LETTER DATED 16 JULY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 6 to 12 July 1993, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi national airspace for the purpose of surveillance and provocation and to drop heat flares.

6 July 1993

(a) Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,500-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 89 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-12,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Basra, Qurnah, Amarah, Jalibah, Salman, southern Najaf and Busayyah.

7 July 1993

(a) Northern region: 12 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-7,500 m, centred on Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 93 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Basra, Qurnah, Amarah, Busayyah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah and Artawi.

- At 1110 hours on 7 July 1993, aggressor aircraft dropped five heat flares on Kalak township in Ninawa governorate.

8 July 1993

(a) Northern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Zakho and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 56 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-9,500 m, centred on Qurnah, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Shatrah, Salman, Lasaf and Busayyah.

- At 1250 hours on 8 July 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Artawi, Basra, Shatrah, southern Diwaniyah and Nasiriyah. It departed at 1535 hours, overflying Busayyah and heading in the direction of Saudi Arabian airspace.

9 July 1993

(a) Northern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-8,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 65 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-10,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Artawi, Amarah, Ushbayjah, Lasaf, Salman, Jalibah and Busayyah.

10 June 1993

(a) Northern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 3,000-8,000 m, centred on Dohuk, Irbil, Mosul, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 71 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-10,000 m, centred on Basra, Qurnah, Nasiriyah Samawah, Amarah, Shatrah, Busayyah, Lasaf, Salman and Qal'at Salih.

11 July 1993

(a) Northern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 4,000-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 68 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-9,000 m, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Salman, Ushbayjah and Busayyah.

- At 2226 hours on 11 July 1993, a United States F-4 aircraft dropped heat flares to the north of the northern Rumaylah oilfield.

12 July 1993

(a) Northern region: 37 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-9,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 94 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-10,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qurnah, Salman, Lasaf, Ushbayjah, Amarah and Mu'ayanah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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Permanent Representative